



## **Guide to Recreation Permit Requirements For Recreation Use of Public Land in the BLM Salt Lake Field Office**

Welcome to the Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO)! The information contained in this handout explains when and for what areas a BLM permit is required, timeframes required for obtaining a permit, and who you need to contact to obtain a permit. This information incorporates and is supplemental to 43 CFR 2930.

The SLFO requires different types of recreation permits based on type and location of activity, size of group, and if the activity/event is commercial and/or competitive. Although there are four types of permits, only one permit is required for any given activity/event (other authorizations may be required based on your proposal, ie: commercial filming). Requirements for each type of permit are as follows:

**1.) Recreation Use Permit.** Recreation Use Permits (RUP's) are required for individual or group use of developed fee areas. The SLFO manages three campgrounds with a fee requirement. Campgrounds and associated fees include: Little Creek and Simpson Springs, \$2.50 per campsite per night (limit 2 vehicles per campsite), and Clover Springs, \$4.00 per campsite per night (limit 2 vehicles per campsite). Fee envelopes are located at self-service pay stations at each site. All sites at these campgrounds are available on a first come/first serve basis, with the exception of Clover Springs Group site #7 (available by reservation through the SLFO, \$20 per night, limit 50 individuals and 15 vehicles). You must pay the required fees upon occupation of a campsite. When utilizing these facilities, you must comply with all BLM Occupancy and Use Regulations (43 CFR 8365) and any site specific rules as posted on site.

**2.) Small Group Camping Use Authorization.** Small Group Use Authorizations (SGUAs) are required for organized group<sup>1</sup> camping activities that do not take place in a developed fee area, are not commercial or competitive, have 25 or less participants, and have no more than 8 primary vehicles<sup>2</sup>. Issuance of this permit allows for Small Group Camping Use activities throughout the Field Office. This permit authorizes you to use public lands for dispersed, undeveloped camping activities (no BLM recreation facilities or developments). To obtain a SGUA, complete the attached Small Group Notification and Use Agreement and return to the SLFO at the address listed below 10 days before proposed use date. Upon receipt of the completed SGUA, the BLM will review, authorize, and return a copy to you. NOTE: some conditions may require the BLM to deny your permit application or redirect you to a different location, ie: fire danger, extreme draught conditions, etc. When conducting or participating in camping activities under a SGUA, you must agree to and comply with SGUA Conditions of Use (found on back of permit). Currently, there is no fee for a SGUA. Issuance of a SGUA does not reserve sites or grant your group exclusive use of an area. All sites under this permit are available on a first come/first serve basis.

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<sup>1</sup> An organized group activity is defined in BLM's regulations as a structured, ordered, consolidated, or scheduled event on, or occupation of, public lands for the purpose of recreational use that is not commercial or competitive.

<sup>2</sup> Primary vehicle is defined as a street legal vehicle used for transportation to a recreation site.

**3.) Large Group Camping Use Authorization.** Large Group Use Authorizations (LGUAs) are required for organized group camping activities that do not take place in a developed fee area, are not commercial or competitive, have more than 25 participants and/or more than 8 primary vehicles. Issuance of this permit allows for Large Group Use activities at nine specific large group camping locations. This permit authorizes you to use public lands for dispersed, undeveloped camping activities (no BLM recreation facilities or developments). To obtain a LGUA, select one of the seven large group camping locations, complete the attached Large Group Notification and Use Agreement, and return to the SLFO at the address listed below 10 days before proposed use date. Upon receipt of the completed LGUA, the BLM will review, authorize, and return a copy to you. NOTE: some conditions may require the BLM to deny your permit application or redirect you to a different location, ie: fire danger, extreme draught conditions, etc. When conducting or participating in camping activities under a LGUA, you must agree to and comply with LGUA Conditions of Use (found on back of permit). Issuance of a LGUA does not reserve sites or grant your group exclusive use of an area. All sites under this permit are available on a first come/first serve basis.

**4.) Special Recreation Permit.** Special Recreation Permits (SRP's) are required for commercial recreation operations, competitive events and activities, and may be required for organized group activities (exclusive of those organized group camping activities which fall under a Small or Large Group Camping Use Authorization). SRP application (form 8370-1), an operating plan, and map must be submitted with a non-refundable \$80 application fee 180 days in advance of the proposed activity. Other requirements and timeframes for issuance of a SRP are found on Attachment 1.

These permit requirements are only applicable to the Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) Bureau of Land Management (BLM), see Attachment 2, Map of the SLFO. Permits may be suspended by the BLM to protect public health, public safety, the environment, or you. Permits may be revoked if you commit any of the acts prohibited in subpart 43 CFR 8365 (Attachment 3), violate any of the stipulations attached to your permit, any conditions of use, or any site-specific rules posted in the area.

Send or fax completed permit application to:

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Bureau of Land Management  
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SLC, UT 84119  
Phone 801-977-4300  
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